

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 118

Introduced by Assembly Member Smyth
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(Coauthors: Senators Florez and Strickland)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 118—Relative to Spay Day USA 2010.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 118, as introduced, Smyth. Spay Day USA 2010.

This measure would declare February 23, 2010, to be Spay Day USA 2010 in California, and would request that Californians observe that day by having their dogs and cats spayed or neutered and by providing voluntary services or other support to organizations that provide spay and neuter services.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, More than 800,000 dogs and cats entered animal
2 shelters in California during 2008, the most recent year for which
3 statewide data is available; and
4 WHEREAS, More than one-half of these animals were not
5 reclaimed by their owners or were not adopted by new owners,
6 and thus were euthanized; and
7 WHEREAS, In most instances these dogs and cats are young,
8 healthy, and friendly animals that are euthanized simply because
9 there are not enough good homes for them; and

1 WHEREAS, An additional unknown number of California
2 animals die each year due to abandonment, neglect, abuse,
3 starvation, or cruelty; and

4 WHEREAS, The cost to California government and nonprofit
5 agencies of handling and euthanizing discarded animals is
6 estimated to approach one-quarter of one billion dollars per year;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The spaying or neutering of dogs and cats helps
9 solve this tragic and costly problem by reducing the number of
10 dogs and cats that end up in shelters; and

11 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the State of California that animal
12 shelters should aggressively promote spay and neuter programs to
13 reduce pet overpopulation; and

14 WHEREAS, Californians can contribute to this effort by spaying
15 or neutering their own companion animals and by supporting
16 programs in their communities that offer accessible spay and neuter
17 services; and

18 WHEREAS, Veterinarians, humane societies, animal control
19 agencies, and national and local animal welfare organizations will
20 join together to advocate the spaying or neutering of dogs and cats
21 on “Spay Day USA 2010,” an annual campaign of the Humane
22 Society of the United States; and

23 WHEREAS, In particular, the Sacramento area has become a
24 leader in coordinating Spay Day USA events, spaying or neutering
25 nearly 1,000 dogs and cats during each of the past 10 years, with
26 nearly 1,000 dogs and cats scheduled for spaying or neutering for
27 Spay Day USA 2010; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
30 declares February 23, 2010, to be Spay Day USA 2010 in
31 California and requests Californians to observe the day by having
32 their dogs and cats spayed or neutered and by providing voluntary
33 services or other support to charitable organizations that provide
34 spay and neuter services; and that the Legislature further requests
35 that California veterinarians work with animal shelters and rescue
36 groups to provide accessible spay and neuter services; and be it
37 further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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